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Fatal House Collapse On Reclamation

**FIVE DEAD AMONG 68
EXTRICATED**

Race Against Time For Rescue Of The Trapped

Sixty-three persons extricated, five dead and many of them with serious compound fractures and head injuries, when a five-storied building under construction situated at Church Gate Reclamation Ground behind the Brabourne Stadium, collapsed on Sunday evening.

Out of these, only one was removed to the J. J. Hospital and the rest were treated at the G. T. Hosp.

The catastrophe is unprecedented in the annals of Bombay. It is believed that nearly 100 persons are still under a mountain of rubble which was being slowly cleared up till the early hours of the morning

Scores of wailing women and moaning men besieged a "mountain of ruins", the remnants of a five-storied building which nature's fury upset like an apple-cake.

The affected area presented the appearance of a "blitzed spot" with an army of British service men, fire-fighters, A.R.P. workers, P.V.B. volunteers, nurses, medics and ambulance men focusing through piles of debris for signs of life and for rescue.

Medical men, in some cases, established "audition" with men underground, and in two cases after midnight, oxygen gas was administered through the debris.

Till the small hours of the morning, the ceaseless watch, wait and vigil continued. Rescue workers with their spades and shovels were racing against time, but many more lives had yet to be unearthed and saved.

The sands of time were running out and this deepened the gloom of the tragedy.

POIGNANT SCENES

Poignant scenes were witnessed immediately after the collapse.

It appears that Mr. Rutonsaw Engineer, the Contractor of the building, had gone out to arrange for the payment of the workers. At about 4.20 p.m., the building collapsed "directly in its place." It was a huge mountain of rubble, and when the Contractor returned about fifteen minutes later, it seems he cried out: "Why I should not have been there? My two nephews are there and can no one extricate them?"

It is understood that attempts were made by the heads of the Fire Brigade, the A.R.P., and the Salvage Corps to get information from him regarding the spot where a large number of workers were covered by the debris.

A doctor of the G. T. Hospital, who had gone to a Matinee cinema show nearby, heard the report of the house collapse during the interval. He hurried to the spot. But by then, men of the British armed forces were on the spot. They were the first to come. They straightway took up the work of clearing the debris.

A VERITABLE 'BLITZ'

One of the servicemen who had actual experience of fire prevention work told our reporter that he had seen in England such collapses due to enemy air raids. He stated it was a veritable "blitz".

He had seen the building under construction the previous day, and on the morning of the day, it collapsed. He with other men watched with interest the human chain with troughs carrying concrete from the bottom of the building to the top. He had never seen such a sight in England. But in the afternoon at about 4.20, they heard the thud of collapse and the Servicemen were

immediately mobilised and were hurried to the spot.

When they came to the scene, hundreds of holiday crowds came to see the huge pile of rubble, protruding joists and beams. It was drizzling, and the crowds swelled. They tried to keep back the crowds. One of them asked: "Why do they use hands and spades and shovels to scoop the earth? Why not the steam navy?"

Immediately, the A.R.P. squads, the Fire Brigade, the Salvage Corps, the City Police were on the spot. For about fifty yards on either side of the debris, crowds were kept back, and the road was barricaded. But still the milling crowds mustered on the kerbs, and watched the rescue work for hours together.

Workers in an adjoining building which was also under construction, downed tools immediately after the collapse. They ran out towards the debris and wailed and shrieked, as many of their comrades and relatives had been trapped in hundreds of tons of concrete and cement.

P. V. B. ON THE SCENE

Five hundred people, including British servicemen, members of the A.R.P. Demolition Squad and those of the Fire Brigade and the Salvage Corps were working on the clearing of the debris and extricating the trapped. Two doctors and four nurses were working. European and Parsi ladies also offered co-operation, and they joined the rescue squads. In a few cases, it appears, amputation was promptly done on the spot.

At about seven o'clock the P.V.B. volunteers were alerted, and about 500 persons, both men and women, were on rescue work.

By six o'clock, Mr. M. D. Bhat, the Municipal Commissioner, had come to the spot, surveyed the scene, had made inquiries and left the place. At this time, about 25 persons had been extricated.

About hundred municipal workers were busy with spading and shovelling. It appears more could not be brought to the place, as some of the Municipal workers were away at Colaba where another building had shown a dangerous crack at this time. The residents of this building were asked to vacate, and a watch was being kept and a barricade formed near it.

The first work of clearing the debris and removing people was found easy, as some of the trapped were found under a shallow cover of rubble. Some of the British servicemen rummaged in the corners and found living persons. And, when, more corners were searched.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

The first attempt yielded good results, and about ten men were put on stretchers and removed to the hospital. Then digging work was begun at

IS IT RECALL OF ENVOY?

Another Consular Official
Quits Ankara For
Moscow: Members'
Wives Follow

ANKARA, June 28.—Following the departure for Moscow last Thursday of the Soviet Ambassador to Turkey M. Vinogradov, the Soviet Assistant Military Attache has left Ankara to return to Moscow. The wives of the members of the Embassy and Consulate have also left.—Reuter.

the centre. It appears at one spot, as extricating work was being done, a moaning sound was heard by an A.R.P. worker. A hand could be seen, and it was being pulled out. The doctor found that life was extinct, but the A.R.P. worker still heard the groaning noise. Further probing was done, and it was found that another lay hidden under the body of the dead man, and he was alive.

As twilight deepened into dusk, the pile of broken bamboos removed from the debris became bigger. In order to clear this alone, about 100 persons were formed around a pit which had been turned into a tiny lake. Broken bamboos and other broken wooden articles which obviously acted as a hindrance to rescue work were pushed from hand to hand along the rim of the pool in quick succession. In less than half an hour, a huge pile was cleared.

AS NIGHT FELL

As night fell, the army flood lights were the first to appear on the scene. In the silhouette a great army of Indian workers could be seen on two great hillsides divided by a deep hole. Immediately more gas lamps appeared on the scene.

The servicemen at this time were slowly disappearing, and persons removed from under the debris were diminishing, although the work had not flagged and the number of workers was gradually increasing. The roaring and whirling of ambulances on the road in front was not so frequent as before, and more vehicles were stationed at either end of the kerb.

At about 8 p.m. the City Engineer, Mr. Modak, who had been on the spot for a considerable time, made arrangements to give relief to those Municipal workers who were clearing the debris. The services of the Water Works Department were requisitioned at this stage.

By nine o'clock, a mobile canteen had come on the spot. The Chief Presidency Magistrate had come on the spot, and said: "As the number of victims increased in the G.T. Hospital, heart-rending scenes were witnessed. Most of the workers were 'Kamatis'. An aged woman named Munnambal was sobbing outside the hospital, because of her children, a girl aged 8 months and a boy who had passed eight summers, had been trapped on the ground floor of the building. There were a number of other children, about 25, the workers said, who had been sealed by tons of cement and concrete. Water was distributed to the weeping persons, and the Police constables tried to console them.

A little later, arrangements were made to convey the workers who crowded the hospital to their different residences at Worli and Dhoobi Talao in motor vans. The whole hospital staff was pressed into service, about 70 nurses and 25 doctors.

The building belongs to Mrs. Anticolabou who is now in East Africa. It appears that the building was under construction for the last eight months, and that on Sunday more workers were employed to expedite the work on the fifth story of the building.

Upto midnight, 17 persons out of whom 8 were women were treated for injuries and allowed to go. Forty-five were admitted in the hospital.

The work of extricating was proceeding, watched by crowds and ambulances and cranes were being stationed near the scene of tragedy. Till the early hours of the morning. The cause of the collapse is not known.

BERLIN: It is announced from Herr Hitler's headquarters that Field-Marshal Manneheim paid the Fuehrer a return visit.—Reuter.

DUTCH INDIES FIGHT ON

10 Jap Planes Hit In Air
Combat Over Moresby

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Considerable political and strategic significance is attached to the assignment by the War Production Board to the China National Aviation Corporation of higher preferential rating for material to be used for the construction, maintenance and operation of airfield facilities and services in the Far East.

Air Combat Over Moresby

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA: A 'communique' issued to-day says: "MORESBY: Eighteen enemy heavy bombers with a strong fighter escort dropped bombs in the vicinity of an aerodrome without causing serious damage. Our intercepting planes engaged the enemy over the target and again over another target. Between six and ten Japanese planes were observed to be hit and probably lost. Four of our fighters are missing, but two pilots were rescued.

Salamua And Lae Raid

SALAMUA AND LAE: Further details of the night attacks on Salamua on June 25 and 26 indicate that damage inflicted on enemy building and other installations was much greater than originally reported. In addition at that time an enemy supply ship approached Lae and was machine-gunned in a low-level attack despite heavy anti-aircraft fire, two probable hits being scored on the ship's bridge.

According to a dispatch sent recently to Washington from Australia, warfare on the various islands in the Dutch East Indies has been continuous since March 8th.

The dispatch stated that this information came from a high Dutch Officer leading the forces who are still carrying on the fight against the Japanese in the East Indies.

The Dutch Officer, who just made a secret visit to Australia, declared that the Japanese occupation troops staying at the important coastal centres seldom penetrated into the interior of the islands.

The Dutch forces are regularly making hit and run raids on Japanese posts, and are obtaining valuable information about Japanese movements.—Reuter.

JAP SUPPLY DUMPS BOMBED IN LAE

AUSTRALIA, June 28.—To-day's 'communique' from Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters says: "LAKE SALAMUA: A light night attack was made by our air force against dispersed enemy supply dumps, anti-aircraft positions and troop bivouacs. The results were not observed.

TUTAGI IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS: In a night raid scattered bombs were dropped by one of the air units on enemy installations. The results were not observed.—Reuter.

JAPS ENTER LISHUI CHUNGKING, June 27.

A 'communique' says Japanese forces entered Lishui on the evening of June 24. After severe street fighting, the Chinese withdrew to the outskirts of the city.—Reuter.

Major Expeditionary Force Of U. S. Marines

ATLANTA, June 27.—The first major Expeditionary Force of American Marines has been landed at a South Pacific "jumping off" place. This was revealed by Major M. Frost, Southern, Public Relations Chief of the Marine Corps.

The force is apparently equipped as the spearhead of an United States offensive in that theatre. The force is believed to be numbering several thousand.—Reuter.

FOUR AXIS FIGHTERS DESTROYED

MALTA, June 27.—British fighters destroyed three Italian and one German fighter and damaged others without loss to themselves on Friday evening when enemy bombers accompanied by a large number of fighters dropped bombs near the harbour area and the aerodrome.—Reuter.

AIR RAID ON CANTERBURY

Damage To Cathedral:
"Umbles Ome" Of Uriah
Heep Destroyed

LONDON, June 28.—CANTERBURY.—The cradle of Anglican Christianity—was savagely bombed in a recent raid. The Cathedral escaped a direct hit by high explosives, which wrecked a modern library, shattered the Deanery, destroyed the residences of the Chapter and did extensive damage to King's school, the oldest public school in England.

The damage to the Cathedral by blast is estimated at thousands of pounds. Hundreds of windows were blown out in the Cathedral, which was littered with rubble and surrounded by smouldering buildings in the shopping centre and residential parts of the city. The ancient stained glass had been removed at the outbreak of the war. Saint Augustine's Chair, on which Archbishops throughout the centuries have been enthroned, was undamaged. It had been brought from the depths below the Cathedral five weeks before for the enthronement of Dr. Temple, who was in residence during the raid and escaped unhurt. In the city itself, there was extensive damage, and there was the destruction of many buildings of interest, also places of Dickensian appeal, including "Umbles Ome" of Uriah Heep.—Reuter.

Nazi Bombers Over England

LONDON, June 28.—An Air Ministry and Home Security Communique says: "Last night enemy aircraft were over districts on the west and south coasts of England. Bombs were dropped at several points and at two places damage was done to residential areas. There were a number of casualties but the proportion of those killed was not large.—Reuter.

R. A. F. BOMBS BREMEN AGAIN

LONDON, June 28.—An Air Ministry Communique issued on Sunday states: "Last night a strong force of bombers were over north-west Germany with Bremen as the main target. Large fires were left burning.

Aircraft of Fighter Command attacked enemy air fields and other targets in Occupied France and enemy shipping off the French coast. On Cherbourg, one ship was bombed and set on fire.

From these operations nine aircraft of Bomber Command and two of Fighter Command are missing.—Reuter.

STIRLING'S FEAT

It is learned in London that a Stirling bomber in last night's raid on Bremen shot down three enemy fighters.

BERLIN: British bombers were over Bremen and north-west Germany coastal areas last night, says the Official German News Agency.

U. S. Air Corps Arrives In Britain

LONDON, June 27.—Pilots and groundstaff of the United States Army air corps, fore-runners of massed bomber squadrons who will join the R.A.F. in the onslaught on Germany, are now in Britain. Reuter's air correspondent learns.

Some of them are already at airfields from which the United States' bomber command in the British Isles will launch its raids in closest co-operation with the R.A.F. It coincides with the return of Mr. Churchill from his talks with President Roosevelt and the United States service chiefs on a concerted offensive.—Reuter.

BIG CALL-UP FROM MUNITION INDUSTRY

LIVERPOOL, June 28.—The Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, forecast at a press conference a new big call-up from the munition industry involving many thousands of younger men in a not distant future.—Reuter.

BUENOS AIRES, June 28.—Fresh anti-Axis demonstrations occurred here on Saturday when crowds smashed the windows of Naples City Bank and the offices of an Italian steamship line.

Increasing Tempo In Battle For Egypt

Allied Positions Intact, But
Some Of Enemy's Armoured
Forces By-Pass

CAIRO, June 28.—The great battle for Egypt began yesterday afternoon (Saturday) with two main clashes. In one clash enemy armour met our battle groups south of Matruh and in the second our armoured forces attacked a big enemy force further to the west.

ENEMY HIT HARD

CAIRO: The enemy is using everything mobile he can lay hands on, including the Acrate and other mechanised Italian divisions. He drove east yesterday, and, having allowed him to reach a certain point, British and Allied forces went out and hit him hard. As indicated in the 'communique' enemy armoured forces passed Allied positions west of Mersa Matruh to be met by Allied battle groups.

Main Allied Positions Not By-Passed

This does not mean that the enemy had broken through the Allied positions and the main Allied positions have not yet been passed. The battle is now developing in intensity.

Heavy Fighting On Saturday

CAIRO: A communique from the British G. H. Q. to-day (Sunday) states: "Our forces closed with the enemy yesterday and heavy fighting followed all day. Enemy armoured forces, which had by-passed our positions west of Mersa Matruh, were met by our battle groups.

Some of our armoured forces attacked enemy armoured forces in a west of Matruh. The battle continues".

South Africans Harass Enemy March

CAIRO, June 27.—The main forces have not yet come in contact in Western Egypt this afternoon.

The enemy's main force is forcing along the coast towards Mersa Matruh. Nothing to report from the southern sector. The enemy has slowed up, but is not digging in.

No Major Engagement

The Middle East Communique says: "There was no major engagement yesterday. Our covering troops were in contact with the enemy's forward troops throughout the day. By evening the enemy had reached a point about fifteen miles west of Mersa Matruh."

Delaying Advance

Reuter's special correspondent with the Eighth Army Headquarters says: During the past three or four days South African armoured cars have been harassing the fast-moving enemy advance elements between Buq-Buq and Mersa Matruh. They delayed the German thrust towards Egypt by every possible means, shooting up enemy vehicles and carrying out important reconnaissances. They have been operating in a non-stop series of engagements from Gazala towards the frontier.—Reuter.

Crucial Struggle

LONDON: It is learned from authoritative sources that the battle groups, which met the Axis armoured forces in the battle for Egypt, are probably mobile columns strong in artillery and landed infantry, which can manoeuvre quickly to meet the changing needs.

The battle now raging will probably be a crucial point in the desert struggle. The Axis armoured forces, which by-passed the Allied positions west of Mersa Matruh, operated in the usual Nazi style, but their tactics were



HEAVY BLOW TO NAZI NAVAL BASE

MOSCOW, June 28.—THE SOVIET AIRFORCE DEALT A HEAVY BLOW TO A GERMAN NAVAL BASE WHERE A LARGE CONCENTRATION OF SHIPS IN PORT AND TROOP TRAINS AT THE RAILWAY STATION HAD REPORTED BY AIR RECONNAISSANCE.

Soviet planes skillfully pierced a barrage and heavily bombed targets causing large fires and extensive damage which was confirmed later by aerial photographs. Widespread air fighting over the Kharkov front is reported in a supplement to the Midnight communique. In two days 23 German aircraft were shot down and 45 tanks and 117 lorries destroyed, while German casualties from aerial bombing in the same two days numbered about 300.

The supplement also announces that German losses on the Sebastopol front during Saturday exceeded 1,500 officers and men. Russian gunners had a successful day it is reported, silencing two trench mortar batteries and other guns and blowing up 15 ammunition lorries.

MOSCOW: The Soviet midnight "communique" on Saturday says: "During June 27th, our troops repelled several enemy attacks on the Sevastopol Sector and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. No change took place on other sectors of the front."

Marshal Timoshenko's forces, counter-attacking on the Kharkov front have dislodged the Germans from a height and village which they had captured at the cost of great losses, said the Moscow Radio to-day.

anticipated, and they were met by the battle groups. While these opposing forces were at grips, part of the Allied forces took the initiative and struck at the Axis armoured forces west of Mersa Matruh.—Reuter.

INDIAN VANGUARD TO MEET ENEMY

CAIRO, June 28.

Battle-scarred Indian warriors—veterans who fought their way through the recent victories and reverses of the Libyan campaign—are now holding places of honour in the defence of the Nile Valley, writes an Indian Army observer. With them are new comers, Indian units, who have not yet crossed swords with the enemy but they are very eager for action.

The observer to-day at Mersa Matruh saw Indians occupying advanced posts in the front line ready to meet the German offensive.

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TO ASSIST the dependents of their employees whose evacuation from Burma could not be carried out owing to the occupation of that country by the enemy, the Reserve Bank of India have decided to grant them, on their satisfying the Bank of their bona fides, maintenance allowance equal to 1/3 of the employees' pay. The maintenance allowance will be paid to:

- (1) the wife of the employee,
- (2) failing the wife, to the eldest surviving son,
- (3) failing both wife and son, to the eldest surviving unmarried daughter,
- (4) these failing, to the father and
- (5) failing 1 to 4, to the mother.

The maintenance allowance will be paid as a matter of grace and no member of an employee's family will have a right to claim the allowance from the Bank.

2. Those Interested are hereby advised to apply for the maintenance allowance to the Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Rangoon Section, Bombay.

C. R. TREVOR, Chief Accountant, Reserve Bank of India, Central Office, Bombay, 24th June, 1942. (8881)

ANNUAL STOCK-TAKING

Our Establishment will remain CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 26th till TUESDAY, the 30th June, 1942, both days inclusive, on account of Annual Stock-taking. Our Dispensing Department will however remain open as usual.

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Public Notices

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

SPECIAL NOTICE

POONA RACES

Owing to the exigencies of War, the G. I. P. Railway Administration regrets that it will not be possible to run "RACE SPECIALS" for the Poona Season this year. If circumstances permit and it is found necessary 18 Down Express from Bombay and 22 Up Fast Passenger from Poona will be duplicated on race days and run to convenient timings.

In order to avoid overcrowding in the usual daily passenger train services to Poona, not more than a fixed quota of tickets for each class will be issued for these trains one day before and on each Race Meeting day.

In the event of a duplicate train being run the number of tickets issued will be correspondingly increased. (8980)

THE ACME MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Construction House, Ballard Estate, Fort, Bombay, on TUESDAY, the 21st July, 1942, at 4-30 P. M. (S.T.) to transact the following business:

1. To receive and adopt Directors' Report, Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st March, 1942.
2. To elect Directors in place of those who retire by rotation but who offer themselves for re-election.
3. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.
4. To transact such other business as may be placed before the Meeting by the Chairman.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 10th July, 1942 to TUESDAY, the 21st July, 1942, (both days inclusive).

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN pursuant to Section 144 of the Indian Companies Act that a Notice dated 15th June, 1942, has been received by the Company from a shareholder that he will move the following resolution at the above meeting of the Company:

"Resolved that Messrs. K. S. Aiyar & Co. be and they are hereby appointed joint auditors of the Company with Messrs. Devidas Vitthaladas & Co., for the current financial year for the audit of the Company's accounts on a remuneration of Rs. 400/-."

By Order of the Board of Directors,
B. D. SARDESAI, Secretary.

Construction House, Ballard Estate, Bombay 16th June, 1942.

This Notice is addressed more particularly to Mr. Jai P. Kapadia. (8885)

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. HIRALAL KURSON-DAS, Mr. NAROTAMDAS M. DALAL and Mr. ARWINDLAL VAKIL have contracted to sell to our clients the undermentioned property. Any person or persons having or making any claim against the said property by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lien or otherwise howsoever, is or are requested to make the same known in writing to us at our Office at Lenth Chambers Dalal Street, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim, and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

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Dated this 24th day of June, 1942
MATUBHAI JAMIESTRAM & MADAN, Purchasers Attorneys. (8887)

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

Under instructions from the Custodian of Enemy Property Messrs. BENNETT & CO. will sell by Public Auction TO-DAY MONDAY the 29th June, 1942, at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) at the premises of the Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd., at Hornby Road the undermentioned properties of H. Tomy-Zawa, T. Mitsubata, Carl Fruechte and others all vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property.

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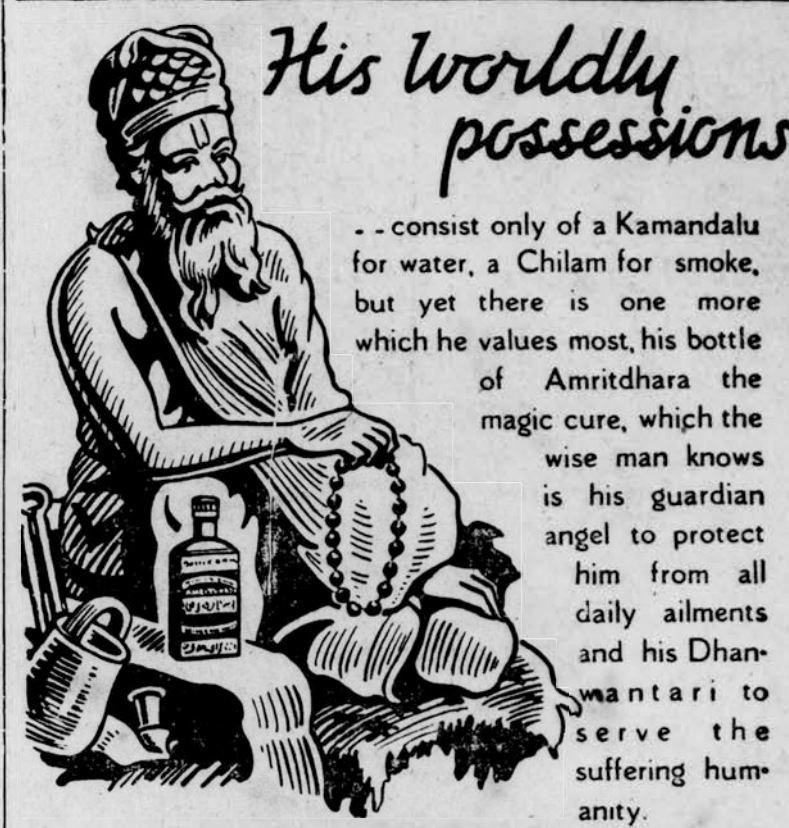
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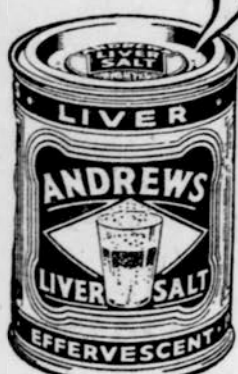
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Bombay I—Programme.
244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
7.30 a.m. Suresh Babu. 7.50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8.10 G. N. Joshi. 8.30 Panna Lal Ghosh. 8.50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9.10 Sumatibai Wadkar. 10.30 p.m. Devdas. 12.27 News in Hindustani. 1. Instrumental variety. 1.30 News in English. 1.35 Lunch hour music. 4.22 School broadcasts. 5. To-morrow. 5.5. Sumatibai Wadkar. 5.25 Ahmed Dilawar. 5.40 News in Marathi. 5.45 News in Gujarati. 6.00 Gujarati get. 6 News in English. 6.10 Counter news and announcements. 6.30 Nana and Ma. 7 Book review. 7.15 Ahmed Dilawar. 7.30 Panna Lal Ghosh. 7.45 News commentary. 7.50 G. N. Joshi. 8.10 News in Marathi. 8.20 News in Gujarati. 8.30 Sports review. 8.45 Radio Reconnaissance. 9 News in Hindustani. 9.15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9.30 News in English. 9.30 B. B. C. News relay. 9.45 Listening post. 9.50 War review. 10. Ghazal. 10.10 Flute recital. 10.20 Marathi bhavget. 10.30. Khazari.

Bombay II—Programme
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
7.30 to 7.50 a.m. As in Bombay I. 7.50 Suresh Babu. 8. Thumri. Bhairavi. 8.10 to 8.30 A. S. in Bombay I. 8.50 Ahmed Dilawar. 8.55 Jitarang Solo. 9.10 to 9.30 As in Bombay I. 41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
12.30 to 2.25 p.m. As in Bombay I. 41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
4.30 to 7.15 p.m. As in Bombay I. 7.15 Interval. 61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
7.30 p.m. Commercial news. 7.45 to 8.10 As in Bombay I. 8.10 Suresh Babu. 8.30 to 9 As in Bombay I. 9.10 to 9.30 As in Bombay I. Sumatibai Wadkar. 9.30 Doris Oscar. 9.45 Dancing time.

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City And Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-day

Hindu: Jeth Vad 1, 1998
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Akher 14, 1351
Parsi: Deb 28, 1311
Sunrise: 6.5 and Sunset: 7.18 p.m.
High tide: 12.45 Low tide: 5.52, 18.48
Municipal Corporation 8 p.m. (B.T.)

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

METRO—Cagney in Captains of the Coast. 3.30, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
KALASH—Saugand. 6.15 and 9.30 p.m.
KALASH—The Good Old Days. 4, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
CAPITOL—That Night in Rio. 4, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
REGAL—Belle Star. 4, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
PRINCE—Madhukar. 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
NOVELTY—Duniya Ek Tamasha. 3.30, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
MUSKATA—Station Master. 3.30, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—Bharat Milap. 2.45, 6 and 9 p.m.
NEW WEST-END—Khan-Dan. 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
SANTIK—Vijay. 3.30, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
CHITRA—Doctor. 4, 6.45 and 9.45 p.m.
PARADISE—The Flying Deuces. 4, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
AURORA—They Met in Bombay. 3.30, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
HINDU—Apna Ghar. 4.30, 7 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. 4, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
EDWARD—Har-Jet. 4, 6.30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—Pahla Patna. 3.30, 6.15 and 9 p.m.
ROYAL—Vijay. 4.30, 7.15 and 9 p.m.
ROXY—Theod. 2.15, 5.45 and 9 p.m.
CINEMA HOUSE—Tamasha. 3.30, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—Khasanchi. 4, 6.45 and 9.30 p.m.
OHIO—Angh. 4.30, 7.15 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—Nal Kosha. 4.30, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—Masoom. 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

Domestic Occurrence

OBITUARY.
Pushpa, the eighteen months old daughter of Rai Bahadur Chuni Lal, General Manager of the Bombay Talkies Ltd., died on Sunday afternoon following a short illness. The news will be received with regret by the large circle of the parents' friends.

POSTAL NOTICE

The booking of registered and insured letters and parcels excluding those intended for military and troops for and from the following sub-offices and branch offices in account with them is temporarily suspended: KOHIMA sub-office and IMPHAL sub-office under the Jorhat H. O.

INCIDENT OFFICERS' TRAINING COURSE: Lecture on 'War Gases' by Mr. M. S. Teyaji to-day (Monday) at 6 p.m. in the Conference Hall, Electric House, Fort.

R.P.M.S.F. "A" general meeting of the Bombay Provincial Muslim Students' Federation will be held on Sunday, 5th July, at 6 p.m. at the Begumhara High School Hall.

A. I. W. C.: "The annual election of the Dal-constituency A.I.W.C. will be held to-day (Monday) at the Dadar-Bhagini Samai Hall at 3.30 p.m. under the presidency of Mrs. M. S. Teyaji. All members are requested to submit their applications to the Secretary."

NEW RESCUE TRAINING CLASSES: Three new Rescue Training Classes in Hindustani, Marathi and Gujarati for P.V.B. volunteers of "C" Ward and others desiring to join will commence from to-day (Monday) at 9 p.m. (S.T.). All volunteers, therefore, are requested to be present at Jinnah Hall at 9 p.m. sharp.

KHADI PRINTING & DADAR KHANDI BHANDAR: Khadi Printing & Dyeing Works, Khadi Shop, 85A, Vithalbhai Patel Road and A.I.S.A. Khadi Bhandar Branch No. 4 at D'Silva Road, Dadar, (B.B.) will remain closed to-day (Monday), Tuesday (30th June) and Wednesday (1st July) on account of the annual stock-taking.

CHINIWALLA'S DISCOURSE: Mr. Jehangir S. Chinwalla will give his seventh talk, under the auspices of the "Hindus Win Sind Pentangular", to-day (Monday), at 8.15 p.m. today (Monday) in the Keshavnagar Hall of the Parsi V. and T. Society, Noble Building, Parsi Bazar St., Fort. The activities of Sarosh Yazdi in the Nishti. The meeting is open to Parsis.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: The following classes will begin to-day (Monday)—German (beginners) Metaphysics and Radio Communication (beginners) in St. Xavier's College, Wilson College & Radio Electric Institute, Bombay 4; at 6.30 a.m. French (beginners) and the Machine of Books in the University, South Wing at 6 and 8.15 p.m. respectively; Hindustani in Urdu script (ar.) and Persian (ar.) in Imam-Talim High School at 6.30 p.m.

Students' Aid Fund

The Publicity Officer of Bombay Students' Union writes:—With the re-opening of the school and colleges, the normal activities of the Bombay Students' Union have begun. The study classes have already been started and held on every Saturday at 4.30 p.m. at the office of the Union (42, Girgaum Road, Kennedy Bridge) and on every Wednesday at 5.15 p.m. at the office of the Port Students' Union (71, Bazar Gate Street). A series of lectures on topics of the day are being arranged. The constructive activities of the Union—Study and literary work have also begun. The Bombay Students' Union had decided to give books to deserving poor students of Bombay out of the sum collected for the purpose last year. Those who are in need but cannot afford to buy books are requested to send their applications stating the names of the books required with their prices, and their financial condition to Mr. H. Z. Gilani, Secretary, Poor Students' Aid Fund (138, Meadows Street, Fort, Bombay). The statements in the application should be certified by the Principal of the college or school.

PROVINCIAL WAR COMMITTEE

Governor Reviews Situation

POONA, June 28.
Meeting of the Provincial War Committee was held here at the Government House last evening when His Excellency Sir Regor Lumley presided.

It is understood that the present war situation was reviewed by His Excellency at the meeting, and problems such as the progress of the National War Front, the present food situation and other Allied problems incidental to war were discussed.

Most of the members were present at the meeting, including the three advisers to His Excellency the Governor, Mr. G. P. S. Collins, Mr. H. F. Knight and Mr. C. H. Bristow.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir and Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, who are also members of the National Defence Council, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Sir Chunilal Mehta, Sir Rahimulla Chiny, Mr. Fazal Ibrahim Rahimulla, Mr. H. V. R. Iyengar, Mr. R. P. Masani, Mr. A. J. Desai and Mr. Takor Saheb of Kewada were also present.—A.P.

ATTEMPT TO LOOT RAILWAY BOOKING OFFICE

LAHORE, June 28.
An unsuccessful attempt to loot the first class booking office at the Lahore railway station is alleged to have been made by two educated young men in the early hours of this morning. The alleged culprits were, however, overpowered by railway employees and handed over to the railway police.

It is stated that one of them who was armed with a revolver entered the booking office at about 2 a.m., when the cash clerk was counting the day's proceeds, amounting to about Rs. 25,000. At the point of revolver he asked the clerk to surrender the cash, but the latter showing great presence of mind grappled with the young man and succeeded in disarming him. The alleged culprit then made an attempt to escape but was overpowered by railway employees. His accomplice who was standing outside the booking office was also captured. Both of them were handed over to the railway police.—A.P.

MR. NIMBKAR

ENTERTAINED
BOMBAY, Sunday.
To meet Mr. R. S. Nimbkar, the recently appointed Adviser for Labour Welfare to the Government of India, a tea party was given by Mr. S. C. Joshi, Chairman of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress, at Soman Building Girgaum, Bombay, on Sunday evening, when a number of representatives of various trade unions in the city were present. Mr. S. C. Joshi referred to the services rendered by Mr. Nimbkar as a labour leader, and hoped that he would do all that in his power as Adviser for Labour welfare.

HINDUS WIN SIND PENTANGULAR

KARACHI, June 28.
For the third year in succession the Hindus won the Karachi Pentangular Cricket Championship, when they defeated the Muslims by five wickets to-day.—A.P.

fare, to redress the grievances of Indian labourers, Mr. Joshi specially referred to the economic condition of the labourers and requested Mr. Nimbkar to get an adequate dearness allowance for the working class people to meet the present-day increased cost of living.

Mr. Nimbkar made a suitable speech in reply and assured that he would always look to the welfare of working class people.

DEPARTURE FOR NASIK
Mr. R. S. Nimbkar is leaving for Nasik to-day. He will examine the labour conditions in Nasik factories and return to Bombay on Monday night.

G.O.M.'S ANNIVERSARY

Public Meeting At Congress House

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee and various other public bodies, the 25th death anniversary of the Grand Old Man of India, the late Dadabhai Naoroji, will be observed at a public meeting to-morrow (Tuesday), at 6.45 p.m. at the Congress House.

Prof. P. A. Wadia, Dr. M. D. L. Gidder, Shri P. R. Lele Maj. S. R. Bamji and other prominent speakers will address the meeting which will be presided over by the President of the B.P.C.C.

STUDENTS TO CELEBRATE G.O.M.'S ANNIVERSARY: Bombay Presidency Students' Federation's office Secretary appeals to the city students to celebrate the Grand Old Man's (Dadabhai Naoroji) 25th anniversary to-morrow (Tuesday).

To-morrow's Function: at 8.30 a.m. students' procession from the office of the Port Students' Union at 71 Bazar Gate Street. At 9 a.m. garlanding the statue of the Grand Old Man near Flora Fountain.

Evening—Joint meeting with B.P.C.C.

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SLAN BOY SCOUTS GROUP: The Group (55-56th Bombay) has entered its 18th year and 4 Scouts, 2 Leaders and 22 Rover Scouts and a War Service Badge, during the year under review. The log of the last year shows

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THE VICEROY'S WAR PURPOSES FUND

June 27.
The Viceroy's War Purposes Fund has now reached a figure of Rs. 6,25,61,318. His Excellency gratefully acknowledges this splendid voluntary effort. The position of the Fund on May 31, 1942, was:—

	Rs. (LAKHS)
Total payments	586.05
Sums earmarked and awaiting payment	80.75
Free Balance	19.81
Grand Total	686.61

Contributions for the following objects would be particularly welcome:—

- Indian Red Cross.
- War Victims Fund for East Asia.
- Welfare of Indian merchant seamen.
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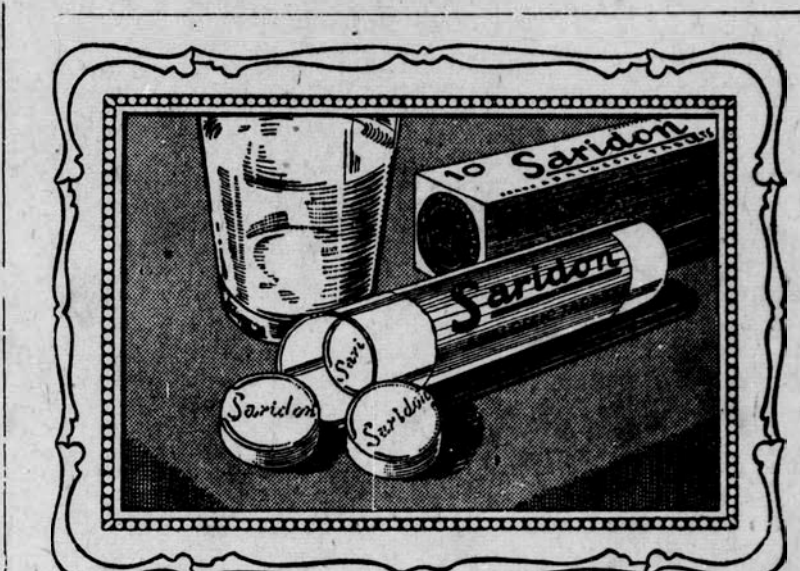
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a remarkable progress. The programme which included camps, duties, excursion, etc., has been well drafted and followed by all members of the group, which has actively taken part in all functions of the Association. The Scouts and Rovers are rendering excellent service as A.R.P. Wardens and Control Room Scout Leaders. War work is also carried on by collecting and giving off scrap at the Provincial Headquarters and sorting out scrap at the B.E.S.T. Sewri Depot. The group has won the R. S. Seelma War Trophy and a War Service Badge, during the year under review.

DACCA SITUATION IMPROVES

DACCA, June 28.
The Special Criminal Court Ordinance has been enforced in Dacca. The situation in the city continues to improve and there has been no incident since Thursday. Arrests now total 719.

GLOUCESTER IN BANGALORE

BANGALORE, June 28.
H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester arrived in Bangalore this afternoon and is staying at the Mysore Residency.—A.P.

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A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

Bombay experienced a terrible tragedy yesterday when at Churchgate Reclamation a big building in the process of construction collapsed like a house of cards almost in the twinkling of an eye—with disastrous loss of human lives. Bombay has had many house collapses in the past, especially after days of heavy downpour. But most of these houses were old dilapidated ones and the resultant toll of human life was not heavy. Yesterday a new building built of cement concrete collapsed without warning and with a completeness almost unprecedented, entailing a appalling loss of human life. Nearly 160 persons are reported to have been in the building before it collapsed. Most of them were workers, a large number being removed until the time of writing—the work of clearing the debris is still going on—of whom five are reported to be dead and a number of them seriously wounded. Most shocking of all is the fact that over 80 persons—including a considerable number of children, some being infants, who were on the ground floor—are reported to be entombed under the debris. It will be a miracle if many of them are rescued alive. This is certainly one of the most horrible house collapses that have occurred in Bombay or in any other part of the world. That a large number of persons were rescued is due, in no small measure, to the prompt and expert assistance of the members of the armed forces who were, fortunately, near the scene of the tragedy. The Municipal staff, the A. R. P.

men and the Civic Guards have been doing everything possible to render assistance to the victims. The P. V. B. Volunteers who, unfortunately, were not allowed to help until sometime after the accident, have also been rendering yeoman's service. It will take some time before it is possible to ascertain the extent of the loss of human life, which, from all accounts, will be a very heavy one. In view of the unprecedented character of the tragedy, we have no doubt Government will soon institute an enquiry into it. We suggest that the scope of this enquiry may be widened so as to include investigation into the adequacy or otherwise of our existing rescue machinery and the methods of its operation. The present tragedy should remind us that, if God forbid, this city becomes the victim of air-raids, we may have to experience sudden destruction of buildings on a much larger scale. Are our existing Municipal, A. R. P. and P. V. B. organisations sufficiently equipped and quite efficient to cope with the situation that may face us? In the meantime, the urgent work, besides that of rescuing the entombed persons, is to organize relief for the surviving victims and the families of those who have lost their lives in this accident. Most of them belong to the poorest classes. We trust Government will take prompt measures to see that relief is given to them on an adequate, if not generous, scale. The Bombay Municipality and the Provincial Congress Committee also should bestir themselves in this matter and we have no doubt the generous-hearted citizens of Bombay will also not fail to do their duty.

Anglo-American Plans

If the Roosevelt-Churchill statement is noteworthy for its observations on certain subjects, it is also noteworthy for the lack in it of any positive statement on certain others. There is no mention of the sudden change in the Middle East situation nor of the composition in the Pacific. It is perhaps desirable to maintain silence regard both, though for different reasons. But China deserves something more than those altogether vague words, which may well mean nothing. Military advisers discussed the situation in China and methods to be adopted against Japan. They could not obviously do less. But the statement does not say at all whether any methods were decided upon at all to relieve China much less whether they would be put into operation soon. The statement at any rate has dealt with the Chinese problem in a disappointing fashion.

There are two subjects that the President and Mr. Churchill brought into prominence. The one is about shipping. The statement authoritatively confirms the reports about the heavy toll that Axis U-boats have been inflicting on shipping to bring about a serious situation. Construction of new ships and fresh plans for joint Anglo-American naval operations would, it is promised, soon bring the situation under control. Let us hope so; for it is on shipping that the entire war effort of the United Nations depends, in the fields both of military combat and production. The second and most interesting subject dealt with relates to the problem of German pressure on Russia. The earlier promise of establishing a second front to divert Germany's strength from Russia has been brought a step nearer towards fulfilment. For there is the announcement of detailed discussions over "coming operations" in this connection. This encourages one to look forward to exciting developments earlier than expected. The Roosevelt-Churchill statement ends on a general note of confidence and optimism. "There is no doubt in their minds that the over all picture is more favourable to victory than it was either in August or December last year." Evidently the President and the Premier have planned some important surprises for the very near future; otherwise they would not be so confident despite recent developments. If this is so, the assurance is very welcome.

Natural Suspicions

In a special interview to the foreign press representatives in Bombay on the subject of post-war economic reconstruction Pandit Jawaharlal stated last week that danger lurked in the Anglo-American trade agreement, which has not yet been released in India, that operations of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation constituted not only a scandal but a menace to India's export trade, and that the Grady recommendations sought to reduce India to the position of raw material producing agricultural colony. Suspicions about the Agreement are naturally strengthened by the fact that, though it has been published in Britain and America, not even a summary of it has seen the light of day in India in spite of persistent demands of the public for the publication of the whole text. What little leaked out has only added to the fear that the Agreement is a fresh menace to Indian industries. As regards the Grady Report, Pandit Jawaharlal, in common with many others, notes in it certain hints which seem to emphasise that the production of raw materials should

be a special function of India. This is an old policy of British Imperialism and Britain may continue it to make good her losses in the present war. As regards the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation Pandit Jawaharlal observes: "This corporation apparently enjoys monopoly in trade in certain commodities; it gets high priorities through the Supply Department and thus controls export trade from India. Incidentally it makes heavy profit thus: roundabout the control price of sugar in India is Rs. 12 per Bengal maund but the W. K. C. C. which enjoys the monopoly in sugar, buys this Indian sugar and sells it in Iran at Rs. 37 per Bengal maund. This monopoly in trade also applies to many other commodities, like wheat, oilseeds, oils, lorry tyres, etc. It appears that Indian firms are compelled to deal through this corporation now. If the facts are as stated, we must agree with Pandit Jawaharlal that they are "not only a grave scandal but also a menace to India's export trade now and hereafter." What have the Government of India to say in defence of their policy?

Frankly Speaking

Situation In Egypt

Washington messages reported the other day that at his meeting with Congressional leaders Mr. Churchill gave a picture of the Egyptian situation which was not only reassuring but almost optimistic also. Do events justify it? After the fall of Tobruk it had become very clear that Field Marshal Rommel could not be held on the Egyptian front, but it was hoped that his advance eastwards would be appreciably slowed down. What has happened is that he penetrated more than 100 miles into Egyptian territory in three days. And by Saturday afternoon he was reported to be within a few miles of Mersa Matruh. This suggests that the Eighth Army had not been reinforced, reorganised and equipped sufficiently to give some kind of battle to the Axis well in front of Mersa Matruh. Mobile columns did their best to harass enemy supply columns, but the fact that they have not met with any substantial success is another disquieting feature of the situation. The penetration in the air further aggravates the seriousness of the situation. British spokesmen have claimed air superiority over the Egyptian front. But the latest report is that long range heavy bombers whose job is to hammer at the main enemy bases far in the rear have been diverted to missions in the battle area. This hasty improvisation implies lack of suitable aircraft in sufficient strength. And it is scarcely cheering.

Good News

While the situation in China, Egypt and even in Russia is by no means cheering two good things have happened during recent days on the two extreme flanks, as it were, of the world war front. On Friday night the R. A. F. carried out its third 1,000 bomber raid on Germany after a disappointing interval of about a month. It is, of course, too much to expect that they will now be maintained with the regularity of the earlier "heavy" raids by the R. A. F. But one is entitled to hope that they will now be much more frequent, particularly since the American Air Corps has at last taken up its "battle stations" in Britain. The second good news is the landing of a strong force of American marines on an advance base somewhere in the South-Pacific. General MacArthur has definitely halted the Japanese advance towards Australia. The American Navy has very severely crippled Japan's naval and air strength. It is now time for General MacArthur to start some sort of an offensive campaign of his own even though on a modest scale.

Bolder And Better

We have often suggested before that the new swimming bath at Chowpatty should not be confined to Hindus but should be thrown open to all communities. We are happy to note that the idea is becoming very popular in the city and many wish that communalism should be exercised at least from the sphere of sports and recreation. We feel encouraged to make a bolder suggestion that the various communal gymkhana and swimming baths in the city be made cosmopolitan. Lu cricket and some other sports Bombay's achievement have already been reached. They will be greater if the Indian gymkhana are amalgamated or otherwise thrown open to all Indians. In any case the mere fact that these bodies become national will itself be a great achievement and give a grand lead to the country.

U. S. PLAN TO FIGHT U-BOAT MENACE

WASHINGTON, June 28. Taking another step to combat the U-boat menace of the American Coast the United States Navy Department has relaxed its requirements to allow additional small craft with their crews to qualify for anti-submarine patrol duty. It is hoped that over a thousand small craft capable of off-shore navigation will be added to on 200 such boats already operating. America's harbours and rivers are crowded with thousands of small yachts, fishing boats and other craft capable of putting to sea.

Under the new ruling all yachtsmen, fishermen and others may offer their services and craft. The boats accepted will be equipped with radio, arms and suitable anti-submarine devices as speedily as possible.

Mexican Tankers Torpedoed

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE. MEXICO CITY, June 28. Heavy loss of life is feared as a result of the torpedoing and sinking of two Mexican tankers "Tuxpan" and "Choapas", 50 miles off the coast of Mexico. The tankers were formerly Italian vessels, seized last year to prevent the crews sabotaging.—Reuter.

Nazi Plan To Break Down U. S. Morale Unearthed

German Submarines Land Eight Experts From Berlin Sabotage School

TWO WERE AMERICAN CITIZENS AND ALL WERE RESIDENTS!

NEW YORK, June 28. Eight alien agents landed in the United States from German submarines have been captured by officers of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Chief of the Investigation Bureau, Mr. Edgar Hoover, announcing this said that four Germans landed on Long Island on June 13 and the other four landed at Jacksonville Beach, Florida. They are all now in custody.

HOW THEY CAME

Mr. Hoover added that these men crossed the Atlantic in two German submarines which left France late last May. They came ashore in rubber boats from the submarine which lay about 500 yards from the beach.

WELL SUPPLIED

The Agents had supplies and explosives for a two-year sabotage campaign including T. N. T. fuses, time-clock bombs and small black bombs camouflaged to resemble lumps of coal. They questioned the agents admitted to a list of war plants, waterways, railways and bridges marked for destruction.

Mr. Hoover described them as men highly trained in sabotage at the Berlin Sabotage School. The first group of agents, Mr. Hoover said, had 90,000 dollars for bribery pay-offs and the second group 58,000 dollars. Explosives removed by "G-men" from their caches were of "a most exceptional type." All the men admitted participation in a carefully detailed plan of sabotage, which was rehearsed in the Berlin special school.

TWO WERE U. S. CITIZENS!

All had been in the United States before. One was a naturalized American citizen and another an American by birth. Mr. Hoover said that the agents planned to plant bombs in locker rooms at railroad stations and department stores to create panic and break down civilian morale. They belonged to the former German-American Bund and several

between 1939 and 1941 returned to Germany.

DEATH PENALTY FOR ALL

All the men might be subject to the death penalty under the War-time Espionage Law which is broad enough to cover such cases. The Sabotage Law does not contain the death penalty but the maximum of thirty years imprisonment. The two 'citizens' might be charged with treason, which carries the death sentence. If it is established that they were members of the German military forces, as they were captured in civilian clothes they could be shot as spies. The procedure is now being studied by the Attorney General, Mr. Biddle, who is considering further procedure.

Some of the men travelled as far as Chicago before the Federal Bureau of Investigation pounced on them. New Yorkers were startled to learn that the famous Hell Gate Bridge in the middle of New York City, one of the most vital railway bridges in the whole country, was one of the main objectives. Another was the vast hydro-electric plant at Niagara Falls.

CONSUL-GENERAL DID IT

The two American citizens arrested are Herman Haupt and Ernest Burger. The other six whose names are given as Washki, Heinek, Quirin, Keulling, Thiel and Heubner were all residents of the United States.

All were sent in 1939-1940 and even as late as 1941 to Germany by the former Consul-General in New York City for training in sabotage.

All the eight are stated to have made full confessions.

UNITED FRONT AGAINST INVASION

Rajaji Justifies His Stand

A further exposition of his views of the Pakistan question was given by Mr. C. Rajagopalachari at a meeting held under the auspices of the South Indian Association, on Sunday, Mr. C. S. Ramachandra Iyer presided.

The speaker referred to the belief that Pakistan was a priceless possession which they carried and were asked to part with straightaway by him (Mr. Rajagopalachari). Right or wrong, the Muslims had taken a decision on it. Supposing they were wrong in that decision, what was the remedy? he asked. Because that decision was wrong, they could not leave the administration of the country into the hands of the British. That was why he advocated the acceptance of that principle. By conceding that principle, the Congress would be presenting the key to Pakistan. It should be remembered that there would be no division of India at present, because if it was divided, robbers might come and take away the country.

He said that there was another suggestion, and that was whether in a reasonable time, say three years or so, it would be possible to have another League with a different leader and a different policy. He thought that such circumstances would not arise.

He thought that if they worked together and fought Japan, then perhaps they might be able, through mutual co-operation and trust, and considering the Muslims that there was no need for Pakistan.

He believed that if all the people were united, Japan would not be able to conquer this country. It was like a man armed with a dagger and considering himself powerful trying to cope with a swarm of bees in a hive. Armed as he was, such a man was likely to be stung to death.

Appealing for a dispassionate consideration of his viewpoint, he asserted that it was not due to any motive of personal gain that he was a Congress worker during the last two decades. It was not a personal matter with him that

he was working for, but an issue of considerable importance to the well-being of India.

'C. R.' FOR WARDHA

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari left for Wardha by the Calcutta Mail, on Sunday evening.

RAJEN BABU'S TALKS WITH MAHATMA

WARDHA, June 28. Dr. Rajendra Prasad discussed with Mahatma Gandhi this afternoon the present political situation. The talks are expected to be continued.—A.P.

Moonje Criticises Rajaji

MADRAS, June 28. An appeal to Mr. C. Rajagopalachari to desist from his present propaganda and join the Congress was made by B. S. Moonje in the course of a press interview today.

Dr. Moonje said, "We are pained and humiliated at the insistent propaganda of Mr. Rajagopalachari in favour of Pakistan. He must not forget that he is a Brahmin, and for a Brahmin to talk of vivisection of our holy land and motherland is blasphemous and in the words of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, 'a black treachery'."

When Mr. Rajagopalachari speaks of preferring vivisection to slavery in unity he is only repeating what is called "His Master's Voice", i.e., the voice of Mr. Amery. He appears overwhelmed with defeatism at the intransigence of the Mussalmans on one side, and of the Government on the other, which is inventing arguments for arguments and still more confusing the situation already worst confounded and creating a series of troubles, in order to avoid having to part with power. He is not even considering the possibility of surrendering helplessly to it. It is to be tackled and fought out manfully.

If parts of India were allowed to be separated and consolidated in Muslim blocs and if, further, as Chowdhri Khaliq-uz-zaman says, federated or brought into some kind of union with Muslim countries outside India, we will pave the way for their invasion of India, and we may indirectly be instrumental in helping them in realising their old ambition of re-establishing the Muslim power in India. Mr. Rajagopalachari has not read his Muslim history properly when he says that there is no fear of such invasion.

Dr. Moonje left Madras to-night for Tanjore.

Satyagraha In Domestic Field Sure Remedy

AHMEDABAD, June 28.

A correspondent writes to Mr. Mahadev Desai that two leading men of his village were drink-addicts. They would not listen to the entreaties of their sons, who are reformers, to give up drink. The sons then went on a fast refusing to have any food until the fathers promised to give up drink. After two days, the fathers took a pledge at a public meeting never to touch drink, whereupon the sons broke the fast.

The correspondent asks Mr. Desai if the sons were right in coercing their fathers. Is not this coercion violence?

Replying Mr. Desai writes in to-day's "Harijan":—

"I am sure there was no coercion involved in the step taken by the young men, and am equally sure that it has Gandhiji's blessings and he would commend it to all young people who have the misfortune to have their nearest and dearest ones in the grip of a vice. Satyagraha in the domestic field is a well-tried and unexceptionable remedy. There are a few obvious conditions. The shortcoming it is aimed against must be an intolerable vice amounting to a disgrace and working the physical and moral ruin of the addictions. Then there should be an indissoluble bond of affection between the parties. It is the right of service and affection that entitles the children and wards to exercise this moral pressure on their parents or guardians. The other condition is that they should have exhausted all other remedies which include repeated requests and entreaties, more devoted service, and giving the dear ones visible demonstration of one's mental pain by giving up one's favourite dishes or one meal, and so on, briefly anything short of a complete fast.

Non-co-operation of a sort can also be applied. If even after all possible gentle measures have been employed the parents or guardians or other dear ones persist in fasting, may be legitimately resorted to. There should be no anger and no resentment, there should be utmost love. The ones should be made to feel their persistence in the vice gives the relatives deep pain so much so that it becomes impossible for them to eat and drink and carry on as usual until the unpleasant thing that divides them is removed. The greater their earnestness and affection the quicker and more abiding will be the result.

Let me tell the correspondent that this form of Satyagraha has to my knowledge, been successfully used not only by children against their parents but by parents against children, by husbands against wives and 'vice versa.' Being the purest type of weapon, it can be used by all those who are fired with love who have no axe to grind, and only the highest and to serve.

The young men in question were right in insisting on the pledge being taken in public. There is shame in persisting in vice, no shame in owning it up and declaring it from the house-tops that one is free from it. This public avowal gives one a measure of moral strength and is sufficient protection against a temptation to break the pledge.—United Press.

Gandhiji On Christian Nationalist's Loss

AHMEDABAD, June 28. "In Dr. Datta, Principle of Forman Christian College, the country has lost a staunch Christian nationalist," writes Mahatma Gandhi in today's "Harijan". He adds, "I had the privilege of knowing him intimately soon after my return from South Africa. He was an intimate friend of the late Deenabandhu Andrews and he would not be satisfied until he had brought me in touch with every one of his friends. Dr. Datta worked wholeheartedly day and night at the Unity Conference during the anxious time of my 21 days fast in 1924 in Delhi. I saw him again equally earnestly at work at the time of the second Round Table Conference. His loss at this critical juncture in the country's history would be doubly felt. I tender my condolences to Mrs. Datta. His numerous friends will share her sorrow."—United Press.

Gandhiji And Mr. Jinnah

To the Editor of "The Chronicle". Sir,—It is a pity that the late Quaid-e-Azam Jinnah should have come to regard every move and every utterance of Gandhiji as a distorted light. His latest statement issued this week Mr. Jinnah has said that he has the strength of a new "discovery". Mr. Jinnah claims to have made, namely that "at last Gandhiji has discovered the light of unity and Hindu-Muslim settlement can only come after the achievement of Indian independence and has thereby thrown on the cloak that he had worn for the last 22 years. He has discovered that he is the oldest 'lover of Hindu-Muslim unity' and Mr. Jinnah further avers that 'one of his four pillars, that no Swara without Hindu-Muslim unity, has been abandoned by him at any time'.

May I point out to Mr. Jinnah that his "discovery" lies only in his own warped imagination and that he has been no "voile face" at all on the part of Gandhiji? Mr. Jinnah imagines that the views expressed by Gandhiji are at variance with his latest views and that Gandhiji longer believes that without Hindu-Muslim unity Swara is not possible. Gandhiji has repeatedly made it clear that it is not the mere deliverance from the British yoke, but the ability of the country to stand on its own legs and lead its own independent existence. To attain this end Hindu-Muslim unity, Gandhiji has repeatedly said, is absolutely essential and it is a travesty of the truth to say that he has now abandoned this "pillar" of his Swara and is no longer a lover of Hindu-Muslim unity.

As for Mr. Jinnah's statement that it is only now that Gandhiji is saying that India's "unity and Hindu-Muslim settlement can only come after the achievement of India's independence," may I point out to him that he is very much misinformed, inasmuch as so far back as 1918, when Gandhiji in his famous letter to the viceroy, said "End the Game of Seseas," had expressed identical views.

This is what he wrote in that article:—

"Once a declaration to free India from bondage, not in stages but at once, is made, an interim solution will be found to be easy. Protection of rights of minorities will then become simple. The game of seesaw will cease. The minorities are entitled to protection, not in stages but at once. The extent and in one single step. The minorities will be full-fledged partners in the framing of the constitution. Britain has hitherto held power—this is inevitable in any system of imperialism—by playing the minorities against the so-called majority and has thus made an agreed solution among the component parts well-nigh impossible. The burden of finding a formula for the protection of minorities should be thrown on the parties themselves. So long as Britain considers it her mission to bear this burden, so long will she continue to feel the necessity of holding India as a dependency."

Would it surprise Mr. Jinnah to be told that his latest champion, Shri Rajagopalachari, fully endorsed these views of Gandhiji—whatever change of front Shri Rajagopalachari might be showing now? This is what he said in the course of a speech he made in Madras on 15th November, 1939:—

"The immediate approach to the deadlock is generally believed to be negotiations between the Congress and the Government. The tactic of the British Government is to bring this about. Of course, many want this in sincerity. And there are people always busy with this. But the lesson that has been forced on us by experience of two decades is that unless the British Government first accepts the procedure of pledging themselves to accept the decisions, and that they will no longer play the part of encouraging deliberately or otherwise the minority against the majority, there can be no successful negotiations between the Congress and the League or any other organisation. It is proper to say clearly that it is only when it is realised by the constituent communities that politics can be got out of the British, but only out of one another, that the minorities and minorities will come to decisions and agreements of the plane of reason, common sense and love and that they will no longer play the game of seesaw."

It is likely that Mr. Jinnah will say that he has nothing to do with the views of Rajagopalachari's politics—that they are his own business. But, will Mr. Jinnah admit at least his share in the game of seesaw of abandoning his convictions of the past 22 years, particularly his love of Hindu-Muslim unity, is baseless and unfair 'voile face' at all on the part of Gandhiji? Mr. Jinnah imagines that the views expressed by Gandhiji are at variance with his latest views and that Gandhiji longer believes that without Hindu-Muslim unity Swara is not possible. Gandhiji has repeatedly made it clear that it is not the mere deliverance from the British yoke, but the ability of the country to stand on its own legs and lead its own independent existence. To attain this end Hindu-Muslim unity, Gandhiji has repeatedly said, is absolutely essential and it is a travesty of the truth to say that he has now abandoned this "pillar" of his Swara and is no longer a lover of Hindu-Muslim unity.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

WASHINGTON, June 27. Considerable political and strategic significance is attached to the assignment by the War Production Board to the China National Aviation Corporation of higher preferential rating for material to be used for the construction, maintenance and operation, of airfield facilities and services in the Far East.

Two more Congress leaders have been arrested in the U. P. Sir Maurice Hallett's operations, in the language of war communiques, are proceeding successfully.

It is reported that Mr. Winston Churchill has returned to the U. P. in a "fighting" mood and will deliver a long hard hitting speech in the Commons debate. We shall now have a tonic display of brilliant and devastating blows in Parliament even if not in Egypt.

The President and the Premier have promised operations to divert German strength from Russia.

What is more, these operations seem to be seriously intended. M. Malsky was present at the Euston Station to greet Mr. Churchill.

Yes, the Chinese Ambassador, too, was present.

But you must admit that the P. P. did honour China by rejoicing in the magnificent resistance of the Chinese Army. And if they didn't plan any diversion of Japanese strength from China etc. it was because the emotion of happiness aroused by the magnificent resistance of the Chinese army was too strong.

Ereman was the target of the third 1000 bomber raid by the R.A.F.

Let's rejoice and not ask, at least not yet, the main question which next—and when?

By the way pilots and ground staff of the American Air Force, the establishment of which was announced over a month ago, have arrived in Britain.

It may, therefore, be confidently assumed that they will participate in the next four-figure raid on Germany about a month hence.

Referring to the American raid on Japanese cities, the War Department observes: "Lack of pursuit opposition, lack of warnings between cities and the inaccuracy of anti-aircraft fire were factors which mystified and continue to mystify all in the raid."

And what is more America became so concerned over the tragic inefficiency of the Japanese that the raid has now been repeated thus giving the Japs sufficient time to make good the triple lack.

Marsal Timoshenko is reported to have counter-attacked at a point on the Kharkov sector.

Of course he would.

"All extremely bright men are conceded."

He shrugged gracefully.

"Oh, I don't know; I'm not."

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It is likely that Mr. Jinnah will say that he has nothing to do with the views of Rajagopalachari's politics—that they are his own business. But, will Mr. Jinnah admit at least his share in the game of seesaw of abandoning his convictions of the past 22 years, particularly his love of Hindu-Muslim unity, is baseless and unfair 'voile face' at all on the part of Gandhiji? Mr. Jinnah imagines that the views expressed by Gandhiji are at variance with his latest views and that Gandhiji longer believes that without Hindu-Muslim unity Swara is not possible. Gandhiji has repeatedly made it clear that it is not the mere deliverance from the British yoke, but the ability of the country to stand on its own legs and lead its own independent existence. To attain this end Hindu-Muslim unity, Gandhiji has repeatedly said, is absolutely essential and it is a travesty of the truth to say that he has now abandoned this "pillar" of his Swara and is no longer a lover of Hindu-Muslim unity.

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Return Of Sugar Stocks

In the City of Bombay and the Bombay Suburban District, the Government of Bombay has passed orders to provide that "every person," irrespective of whether he is a dealer in sugar or not, shall, with effect from Tuesday June 1, send in weekly returns of sugar stock held by him, if such stocks exceed five maunds. The punishment under the Defence Rules for non-compliance is imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or fine or both.

The Prime Minister of Kashmir, Sir N. Gopalswamy Ayyangar, administered on Thursday the oath of office to Mr. Ganga Nath, the new Chief Justice of Kashmir.

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"Herald Tribune's" Reply To Gandhiji's "Challenge"

LONDON, June 28. The "Herald Tribune" writing under the caption "Mr. Gandhi's Challenge" says that in a News Agency dispatch from Wardha, Mr. Gandhi is credited with a variety of remarks which serve two purposes only: One is to comfort the Japanese, the other is "recovery of a conspicuous place in the new for Mr. Gandhi."

The Leader says: "Mr. Gandhi is quoted as saying that if the British were to grant India freedom, Indians would do big but undefined things for the United Nations and there would be no objection raised to the Anglo-American use of India as a military base." Otherwise Mr. Gandhi would launch a movement which "will be felt by the whole world."

The paper says that Mr. Gandhi "spoke bitterly of the British use of an enslaved India to support China and almost contemptuously of the influence of American public opinion upon Anglo-Indian relations."



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CLEAR THREAT

"In all this, there is a very clear threat that if independence on India's own terms is not shortly granted by Britain, he would make serious trouble for the British in India."

By the support his colleagues give him publicly or silently or by the disposition they show to dissociate themselves publicly from his threats will India's place in a world at war be known. The rapid development of India's heavy industry is turning that country into an arsenal which can supply much that will be needed to defeat Japan while relieving the strain on the shipping of the anti-Axis Powers. Recruiting to the Indian army has been so satisfactory that General Wavell has expressed great confidence in the subcontinent's ability to repel a Japanese invasion.

WARNING TO INDIA!

The efficiency of air power based in India used against the adjacent Japanese menace in Burma and in support of China's defence naturally depends greatly on the fidelity of India's Army industry and communications. If India lets Mr. Gandhi tinker with that fidelity in the belief, which he probably does not share, that the United Nations other than Britain can be frightened into a demand upon the latter for greater concessions to the Nationalist 'face' than Sir Stafford Cripps made, they are going to learn that American Public Opinion, which Gandhiji rates so low, does not react that way to a stickup."—Reuter.

Responsibility For Libyan Disaster

LONDON, June 27. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Information, Mr. Ernest Thurtle addressing his constituents at Reading to-day said: "We have all been disappointed, bitterly disappointed at the way things have turned out in Libya but because of our disappointment we should not make charges and accusations of incompetence against Generals and others until we have facts to justify us. We have the tradition that a man is innocent until he is proved guilty. I think we might well give our Generals the same measure of Justice. If they are proved to have been incompetent, get rid of them."—Reuter.

MORE CZECH EXECUTIONS

Berlin-Stockholm 'Phone Communication Interrupted

STOCKHOLM, June 28. Telephonic communication between Berlin and Stockholm was interrupted at 20-00 to-night. MORE EXECUTIONS STOCKHOLM.—Berlin correspondents of Swedish papers report that the German authorities executed 39 more Czechs on Friday. Swedish newspapers continue to report that the number of persons executed by Germans in Czechoslovakia since the death of Heydrich is higher than the total the Germans admit. The newspaper 'Svenska Dagbladet' gives the total now as 785.

LONDON.—Seven high ranking officers of the former Czechoslovak army were among those executed by the Germans in Prague and Brno this week, according to information reaching Czech circles in London. All the officers came from the town of Plsek. One woman, two lawyers, a physician and a university professor were also among those put to death.

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